**Marketing of Oil Products through Reliance and Essar**

409 SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the proposal to allow Reliance and Essar to tie up with Indian Oil Corporation for marketing the products from their proposed refineries;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when a decision is proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (c) The terms and conditions of the proposed agreements of the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. with Reliance Petroleum Ltd. and Essar Oil Ltd. for marketing the petroleum products from their proposed refineries are under consideration of the Government.

**Subsidy on High Speed Oil**

410 SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the rationale objective of giving subsidy on High Speed Diesel Oil (HSDO);

(b) what has been the total subsidy on HSDO during each of the last five years;

(c) to what extent increase in subsidy on HSDO is accounted for by passenger cars;

(d) to what extent the objective of providing subsidy; on HSDO is being fulfilled; particularly keeping in view the increasing number of diesel cars; and

(e) whether any policy to prevent diversion of subsidised HSDO for passenger cars; if so, the details thereof and if not why?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (e) Price of Diesel is fixed by Government under the APM taking into account various factors like production cost, taxes and duties and the need to balance oil pool accounts. Based on a study of December 1991, HSD consumption for car/taxi/jeep is about 6.8% of the total HSD consumption in the country. Details regarding consumption by various types of vehicles is not maintained. However, the full demand of HSD is being met through retail outlets. The estimated subsidy on HSD during each of the last five year is given below.

| Year | Rs./Crores |
|---|---|
| 1992-93 | 120 |
| 1993-94 | 575 |
| 1994-95 | 430 |
| 1995-96 | 2180 |
| 1996-97 | 8340 |

**LPG botling plants**

411. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of PETORLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG bottling plants in the country and their locations;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to set up a LPG botling plant in Orissa; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) At present, there are 91 LPG bottling plants with a total bottling capacity of 3457 TMTPA operating in the country.

(b) and (c) Currently the following three LPG bottling plants are operating in the State of Orissa:

| *Location* | *Capacity (TMTPA)* |
|---|---|
| Bala sore | 44 |
| Khurda | 10 |
| Khurda Road | 44 |